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PATENT APPLICATION DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Kenneth Vecchio, hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below.

I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **PROCESS FOR MAKING METALLIC/INTERMETALLIC COMPOSITE LAMINATE MATERIALS, AND MATERIALS SO PRODUCED ESPECIALLY FOR USE IN LIGHTWEIGHT ARMOR**, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understood the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent(s) issued thereon.

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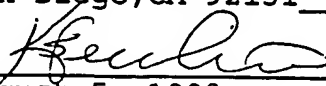
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Title: PROCESS FOR MAKING METALLIC/INTERMETALLIC COMPOSITE  
LAMINATE MATERIALS, AND MATERIALS SO PRODUCED  
ESPECIALLY FOR USE IN LIGHTWEIGHT ARMOR

VERIFIED STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.27  
OF STATUS AS A SMALL ENTITY

I, Kenneth Vecchio, an individual, hereby declare that:

1. I am an independent inventor.

2. I am the inventor named in the above-identified patent application entitled PROCESS FOR MAKING METALLIC/INTERMETALLIC COMPOSITE LAMINATE MATERIALS, AND MATERIALS SO PRODUCED ESPECIALLY FOR USE IN LIGHTWEIGHT ARMOR and am the owner of said application and invention.

3. I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR §1.9, Subsection (c) in that I a) have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed, and b) am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights in the invention to any person who could not likewise be classified as an independent inventor if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern or a non-profit organization under said §1.9.

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Signature of Dr. Kenneth Vecchio

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